Seminar on "Development of Hospital Pharmacy in Bangladesh"

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BANGLADESH Pharmaceutical Society (BPS) organized a seminar on "Development of Hospital Pharmacy in Bangladesh" on 22 November, 2008 at Winter Garden, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. The seminar focused on the current situation and future action plan for the introduction and development of hospital pharmacy and its educational progress in Bangladesh. Presided over by Mr. Nasser Shahrear Zahedee, President, Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society (BPS), the seminar was addressed by Mr. Prafull D. Sheth, Vice President, International Pharmaceutical Society (FIP), Mr. Anwar Hossain Munshi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh, Prof. Azizul Haque, President, Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Rashid, General Secretary, Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society and Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Dhaka, eminent pharmacist Prof. Dr. Chowdhury Mahmood Hasan and experts on Hospital Pharmacy from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh. More than one thousand Pharmacists and health professionals from home and abroad participated in the seminar.





Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society (BPS) is the national professional body of Pharmacists engaged in various facets of the profession of Pharmacy. BPS is committed to promoting the highest professional and ethical standards of Pharmacy. It is actively participating in the different committees of the government. BPS works very closely with the Bangladesh Pharmacy Council, Ministry of Health and many other pharmaceutical industries. Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society (BPS) has been pursuing the case of establishing the hospital pharmacy system in Bangladesh for the last seventeen years. The development of hospital pharmacy in Bangladesh is still at a very initial stage.

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BIT student wins top essay prize

BANGLADESH International Tutorial is delighted that one of their Class IX pupils has won first prize in the World Postal Forum and UNESCO letter-writing competition. What was demanded was unusual in both form and topic but the creativity that the school encourages, plus the talent of Bushra Srabasti Hossain, proved invincible. BIT is especially proud because, compared to many schools, it is quite small with only 2,700 pupils in 10 (?) sections. Both second and third prizes went to Holy Cross School.



The literary form was a letter of 500-1000 words and the topic was "Why the world needs tolerance." Several pupils in BIT, who were under 15 on April 30th, took up the challenge and wrote such excellent essays that the school was spoilt for the choice as to which two essays to select to send.

Bushra is the Head Perfect of the Girls' Section and the Headmistress, Angela Robinson, describes her as 'an excellent all-round, mature and thoughtful student.' Although she had five years in Canada, while her father studied there, she is a permanent resident in Bangladesh one of the criteria for entry. She told Mrs Robinson, "In my schools in Toronto and also Montreal, I knew what it was like to be in a racial minority." As she wrote in her essay, "Not only did anyone want to make friends with me - because of my skin color but I was constantly made fun of because I still made mistakes when I spoke French. However, I was tolerant and did not say anything. Pretty soon, those kids got tired of it and stopped.

However, her essay also pointed out that intolerance can be in a good cause, such as the Liberation War when Bengali people did not tolerate Urdu being the state language. One of her final sentences is, "We all suffer some form of intolerance at some time in our lives."